



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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## CENTENNIAL YEAR

In January, MMC's House Officer program will be 100 years old. Commenting on the anniversary in a recent issue of the Maine Medical Journal, Dr. Albert Aranson noted that Erastus Holt and George W. Libby, both graduates of Bowdoin Medical College, joined the hospital as "house pupils" in 1874 and that house staff education has continued here ever since.

Dr. Aranson, Chief of Internal Medicine and Director of Medical Education, said that 1973 has been a peak year with a total of 110 individuals spending all or part of the year at MMC. These included 47 residents, 15 interns, 32 fourth-year students and 16 third-year students, the latter spending their entire third medical school year at the hospital.

The benefit to our state, Dr. Aranson concluded, "is clearly demonstrated by the fact that over 50 percent of our alumni go into practice in the state of Maine."

## MISS FLAHERTY ELECTED

Miss Agnes E. Flaherty, R.N., MMC director of Nursing Services, was elected president of the Maine State Nurses' Association Tuesday as the organization closed its annual meeting in Brewer. Miss Flaherty succeeds one of her assistants, Miss Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., in the top MSNA post.

Active in the organization for several years, Miss Flaherty has served as a committee chairman, as secretary and as president of the MSNA Western District. She was appointed MMC Director of Nursing Services in 1969 after eight years as executive director of the Maine State Board of Nursing. A graduate of Deering High School and the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary School of Nursing, Miss Flaherty holds a Bachelor's degree from Teachers' College, Columbia University, and a Master's degree from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. She has been a member of the Nursing staffs at both Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital, Portland.

## RETIREMENT FOLDERS

A pamphlet describing the MMC Retirement plan and its benefits has been printed and is available in the Personnel office. Employees who are interested may pick up the Pension booklet and a copy of the new Employees' handbook, if they somehow missed the initial distribution.

## DIALYSIS DEMONSTRATION

Mrs. Timothy Holmes of Tenant's Harbor, an MMC dialysis patient, was a special guest Wednesday at the annual Scientific Meeting of the Maine Heart Association in the new Civic Center, Augusta. Physicians from throughout Maine observed as Mrs. Holmes was dialyzed. The artificial kidney was operated by her husband, who has been trained in the MMC Home Dialysis program. Arrangements were made by Drs. Jan Drewry and Donald Leeber of the MMC Nephrology Division.

## WE'RE FENCED IN

Except for a few finishing touches, the new fence that runs from the western end of the General Building down Gilman Street, across the Congress Street side of the Parking ramp and up again to the east end of the Richards lot, has been completed. It includes an emergency entrance gate off the turn-around circle at the top of Gilman Street. This new gate was closed and locked to all traffic at midnight Friday.

## RECOGNITION DAY

Nearly 400 active adult MMC Volunteers with long records of hospital service will be honored by the hospital and its Women's Groups at a Volunteer Recognition Day program Nov. 4. Friends of the Maine Medical Center, the Women's Board of Maine General Hospital and the Visiting Board of Children's Hospital are joining MMC in the sponsorship of the event. The Sunday afternoon program will include a recognition tea, presentation of awards, tours of the R8 Cardiovascular Diagnostic Center and informal talks on some of the hospital's newest programs.

## DON'T FORGET:

...the Telephone Courtesy session, 2 p.m., Oct. 23, Irish Classrooms...the Safety Poster Contest, prizes of \$15 and \$10, entries due Nov. 8...the Employees Activity Committee HARVEST HOP, K of C Hall, So. Portland, Nov. 3, tickets \$2...Boston bus trip, Dec. 1, \$5.00.